



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Department of Education

Office of Dispute Resolution and Administrative Services

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Regulations Revision Process

The Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia, effective March 27, 2002, (the Virginia Regulations), must be revised to comply with the changes outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA '04), and its 2006 federal implementing regulations. This process was initiated on October 25, 2006, and it is anticipated to be completed by December 2008. During the process, there will be two formal comment periods; however, public comment may be submitted at any time.

How To Provide Comments for the Revision Process

1. Any individual or organization may submit written comments regarding the revision of the Virginia Regulations to the Virginia Department of Education via email, fax, or mail, using the contact information below:

EMAIL ReviseSpedRegs@doe.virginia.gov

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Individuals and organizations who submit public comment are entitled to receive a summary of all public comments received by the Virginia Department of Education during the revision process, and the agency's response to the comments submitted. If you are interested in receiving this document at the end of the revision process, please include either an electronic or surface mailing address with your comments.

2. Oral public comment may be submitted during the five public hearings which will be convened in the Commonwealth. Once set, the dates and the locations for the hearings will be posted at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/dueproc/regulationsCWD.html>.

The first of two formal public comment periods was from January 22, 2007 through February 23, 2007. The five public hearings will be convened during the second public comment period, which is expected to begin in mid-January 2008, and which will last 60 days. Additional information regarding the revision of the Virginia Regulations is available at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/dueproc/regulationsCWD.html>, or by contacting Melissa Smith at (804) 371-0524, or Suzanne Creasey at (804) 225-2923.